

District Council Report for Battisford and Ringshall Ward

Including Barking, Battisford, Great Bricett, Ringshall, Offton and Willisham

September 2024

New curb-side recycling proposals

MSDC are considering new proposals that will enable residents to recycle more items from home by 2026, including glass bottles and tetra-paks which currently need to be taken to bottle banks or recycling centres. Plastic film will also be recyclable from 2027. New proposals build on already approved plans for food waste collections which will begin in 2026 to meet new government legislation.

MSDC reinstates objections to Norwich to Tilbury Overhead Line Project

The Chair of the District Council has reiterated the council's concerns with the new Secretary of State since the election in July. The letter sent to the Energy Security and Net Zero Minister highlights the economic benefits of an offshore coordinated-grid scheme and the harms to the local environment, heritage and economy that would be caused by the overland transmission scheme.

Solar Together launches in Suffolk

A group-buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage enables residents to invest in renewable energy and reduce their reliance on the grid. The scheme makes solar more accessible by reducing both cost and effort involved in establishing solar in homes. Residents can register for the scheme free of charge here - <https://solartogether.co.uk/suffolk/landing>

EV scheme for MSDC residents

A trial of electric community vehicles is set to launch next summer in Suffolk. Plug In Suffolk Car Clubs will be placing sixteen electric vehicles across eight locations in Suffolk, including two locations within Mid Suffolk. Residents can book cars by the minute, hour or day from Needham Market and Stowmarket.

Resident survey

The council are carrying out a survey to find out how our residents want us to invest to improve facilities in our communities. This is an informal survey so if you have any ideas, please complete the survey here: <https://babberghandmidsuffolk.govocal.com/en-GB/projects/tell-us-mid-suffolk>

Development of Chilton Fields Sports Facilities

Work has begun on developing new sports facilities at Chilton Fields in Stowmarket. It will continue over the coming weeks as part of a larger project aimed at addressing the health inequalities in Stowmarket.

Charles Tye planning appeal

A planning appeal for a single dwelling in Charles Tye was dismissed by the Planning Inspector on the basis that the plan was located outside the settlement boundary and in an unsustainable location.

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